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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| Minoru Kuroda et al. |)) |
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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 28, 2007, please withdraw the rejection of the above-identified application for the reasons stated. The prior art reference upon which the Examiner primarily relies, <u>Kuroda et al.</u> published U.S. application 2004/0185222, was